CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, November 1, 2001, Part II

SENATE

The Senate proceedings were included, in their entirety, in the Congressional Record Summary of Thursday, November 1, 2001, Part I.

HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3204. A bill to restore Federal remedies for infringements of intellectual property by States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Coble

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H.R. 3205. A bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), International Relations, Government Reform, Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Conyer

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H.R. 3207. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to prohibit the manufacture or importation, or transfer by a licensed firearms dealer, of a pistol that does not have a chamber load indicator and, in the case of a semiautomatic pistol that has a detachable magazine, a mechanism that prevents the pistol from being fired when the magazine is not attached; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Langevin

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H.R. 3209. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Smith

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H.R. 3211. A bill to *revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws* with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Toomey

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H.R. 3215. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Goodlatte

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H.R. 3220. A bill to *improve aviation security*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Paul

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H.R. 3225. A bill to express the sense of Congress that a uniform standard for declaring levels of alert in cases of emergencies should be developed for Federal agencies, and to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study of how such a uniform standard may be implemented; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Jackson-Lee

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H.R. 3150. Airport Security Federalization Act:

The House passed H.R. 3150, to improve aviation security by a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 425.

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"... This bill does nothing to prevent victims from being compensated by liable defendants. It does nothing to prevent them from taking part in the victims' compensation program we created last month. This legislation does, however, place finite limits on the potential liability of anyone implicated in litigation arising out of the terrorist attacks of September 11. In doing so, this legislation saves those persons and companies from losses of capital that could lead to bankruptcy. This in turn prevents the victims of September 11th from having their compensation decided by a federal bankruptcy court..." (Lowey, Pages H 7648-9)

"... The manager's amendment is important to complete the job we failed to do in passing the airline liability bill. That bill capped air carriers' liability at the limit of their insurance, so we have protected United Airlines and American Airlines and the security firms that screened the passengers that got on the planes that were hijacked, which have been included in the definition of air carriers by two Federal Court decisions; but we did not give the same type of contingent liability protection to Boeing, the manufacturer of the plane, to Pratt and Whitney and General Electric, the manufacturers of the engines, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is a quasi-public corporation, the lessee of the World Trade Center, the fire department and police departments of the City of New York, and anybody else that might have contingent liability. What the manager's amendment provision does is to close the loop. If we do not close the loop, none of the entities I have talked about, particularly the private sector entities, are going to be able to borrow money. So unless the manager's amendment is passed, you are not going to be able to see Boeing and General Electric and Pratt and Whitney and the wallboard manufacturer of the walls in the 105th floor of the World Trade Center be able to keep themselves in business, because no bank will lend them money because of contingent liability issues..." (Sensenbrenner, Pages H 7658-9)

By a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 424, rejected the Oberstar motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish the Transportation Security Enhancement Act and create the Transportation Security Administration.

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Agreed to the Young of Alaska amendment that makes various technical changes, authorizes airlines to use technologies to create a secure and expedited passenger screening process, and extends \$1.5 billion authorized for airport security to 2003 by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 421.

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Rejected the Oberstar amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107-264 that sought to incorporate the text of **S. 1447**, to improve aviation security, as passed the Senate by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 423.

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H.R. 3150. Airport Security Federalization Act (Cont'd.):

Earlier, during debate on the Oberstar amendment, rejected the DeFazio motion that the Committee rise

by a recorded vote of 11 ayes to 402 noes, Roll No. 422.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Earlier the House agreed to the Reynolds amendment that makes in order substitute text in lieu of Young of Alaska amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107-264 by a recorded vote of 379 ayes to 50 noes, Roll No. 420.

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Earlier agreed to order the previous question on amendment and the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 419.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 10:00 a.m., November 2, 2001. Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 2:00 p.m., November 5, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith)